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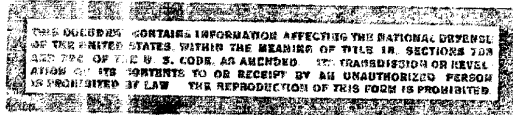
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1. The strike movement of 17 and 18 June 1953 was joined by all large shipyards and transshipment services (ports) in cooperation with inland shipping centers, the focal points being the Magdeburg, Schoenebeck, Genthin, Brandenburg and Koenigswusterhausen bases. Inland shipping activity continued, as the inland vessels were not concentrated in inland ports and, therefore, were not affected by the strike.

3. A new propaganda campaign started by the SED Politbureau [redacted] involved the inviting of ships in West Germany for stays in East Germany, where they were to be influenced by propaganda in connection with cultural and sporting events, and SED meetings.
4. While employment of West German barge tonnage for shipments from and to Hamburg was previously avoided whenever possible, the new plan provided to employ vessels from Hamburg for shipments to and from East Germany up to the full amount of tonnage offered in Hamburg.
5. The execution of the German-Polish and German-Czech shipping treaty came to a standstill as, because of the political situation, the respective German-Polish and German-Czech partners were forbidden to meet.

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